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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a request for Continuation Application.

Prior to examining the application, please make the following amendments.

**AMENDMENTS**

**In the Specification**

At page 1, replace the paragraph after "RELATED PATENT DATA" with the following:

--This is a continuation of U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/322,666, filed on May 28, 1999, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/108,667, filed on July 1, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,096,449, which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/979,853, filed on November 20, 1997, which is now U.S. Patent No. 6,030,718.--